



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Probation Officer

At its meeting held July 8, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a verbal report to the Board regarding viable alternatives to the current juvenile facilities and program in the Men's County Jail, for those minor juveniles the Court deems not appropriate for housing in a juvenile facility and are being detained in Men's County Jail, as detailed in his attached letter dated July 8, 2003. Richard Shumsky, Chief Probation Officer, also addressed the Board and responded to questions posed by the Board members.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"In response to my motion of June 24, 2003, the Chief Administrative Officer has recommended that the County negotiate and execute a contract with the California Youth Authority to provide detention services for minors that the court deems not appropriate for housing in a juvenile facility. California Youth Authority will provide appropriate education, recreation and social services for such minors. This is a prudent recommendation that has the support of our County staff and the Board of Corrections."

Therefore, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of County Counsel, Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer, to:

1. Negotiate and execute a contract with the California Youth Authority for housing minors that the court deems not appropriate for a juvenile facility and for providing such minors with appropriate education, recreation, social and mental health services; and

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2. Report back to the Board within one week on the cost of relocating juveniles from the Men's Central Jail to the Twin Towers while negotiating the contact with the California Youth Authority.

Supervisor Knabe made a suggestion that Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion be amended to also instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to ascertain the following concurrently with the contract negotiations with the California Youth Authority:

1. The level of security required for the transfer of juveniles from County facilities to California Youth Authority facilities;
2. The risk management involved in the transfer; and
3. The maximum number of potential transfers to the Fred C. Nelles Youth Correctional Facility in Whittier and the Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center & Clinic in Norwalk, with notification to each City regarding potential transfers to these facilities.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

Rocky Rushing, representing Senator Gloria Romero, Elizabeth Weber, representing the Santa Monica Detention Ministry, Richard Robinson, representing Community Outreach Program, Kim McGillicuddy for Danny Robles, Victor Flores, Juan Rivas, Jackie Alvarez, Jimmy Brown, Malik Shabazz, Joe Orgaz, and Beatriz Moreno, representing the Youth Justice Coalition, Javier Stauring, Ted Neubauer, E.T. Snell, and Ethel L. Johnson, addressed the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, was unanimously carried.

In addition, Supervisor Antonovich requested the Chief Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Chief Probation Officer, to report back to the Board within two weeks with a fiscal analysis relating to contracting with the California Youth Authority for housing the 110 remaining juveniles currently at the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in the San Fernando Valley.

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Further, Supervisor Burke requested the Chief Probation Officer to also include in the aforementioned report, the number of juveniles in the general population of the Probation Camps who are not being tried for crimes as adults, and what the charges are against them.

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Attachment

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Sheriff

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